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Dear Residents,

With winter now upon us, it is important for residents to be mindful of the many dangers posed by cold weather, snow, and ice. While the City will continue to provide top-notch snow and ice removal services, the price and scarcity of road salt this winter means that we must be thrifty with our salt supply. Non-major roads and neighborhood streets will not likely receive salt during moderate snowfall, so be aware of other drivers and hazardous areas when traveling.

For residents who are struggling to pay the high costs of home heating, help may be closer than you think. The State of Ohio offers one-time assistance to residents who qualify. There are a variety of factors that are considered when deciding how much assistance will be given, so I encourage you to contact our local HEAP office at 866-223-1242, or visit the Stark County Community Action Agency at 201 5th St. NW in downtown Canton.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call my office – I look forward to hearing from you!

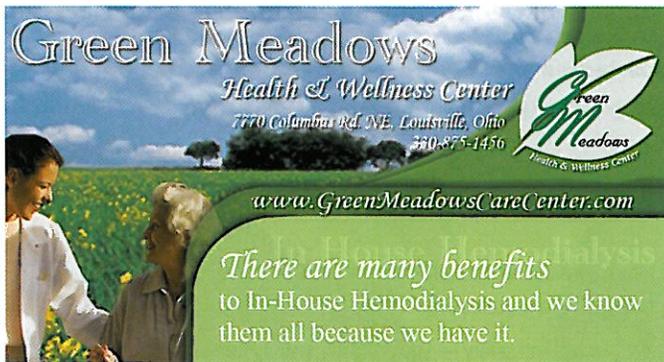
Warmest regards,

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A Flood of Work...

Do you remember the floods of 2003? We at the Canton City Engineering Department remember it well. In 2003, Canton experienced some of the worst flooding in recent history.

Since 2003, the City of Canton has placed a large emphasis on ensuring these floods are not repeated. Many storm sewer and regional detention basin projects have been designed, constructed, or are under construction. This fall, four major storm sewer projects bid for construction. These projects total nearly \$6 million in infrastructure improvements for Canton.

Recently, the City began work on the 30th St. NE storm sewer and detention basin project, which was followed by the Kimball Road storm sewer slip lining project and the Plain Center Estates storm sewer and detention basin project (Phase 1 and 3), with the

25th St NE storm sewer project finishing off the list.

Other storm water related activities that the Engineering Department has been engaged in are the implementation of storm water management regulation and the development of a database to track flooding locations, complaints and repair efforts so that we can better prioritize maintenance and construction projects.

Another major accomplishment of the City that has been very successful in combating flooding problems was the creation of the Collection Systems Department (CSD). This Department is responsible for the City's storm and sanitary sewers. CSD's ability to focus on both the maintenance and construction of small sewer projects has greatly expanded the City's effectiveness in responding to flooding problems and preventing future

issues. This shift in how the City handles the business of sewers has made the City more successful in serving its constituents.

When you see city crews or a city contractor working in your neighborhood, please be patient with them and remember that they are there to help solve current problems and avoid future problems.



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THE RUNOFF RUNDOWN

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Storm Water Phase II

Storm Water Phase II of the U.S. EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requires the City of Canton to "use an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address post-construction runoff from new development and redevelopment projects to the extent allowable under State or local law." In addition, the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism must "minimize water quality impacts and attempt to maintain pre-development runoff conditions."

In other words, the City of Canton is required to regulate the quantity and quality of storm water runoff from

new development and redevelopment projects. Storm water quantity involves the rate and volume of runoff that contribute to flooding, while storm water quality involves minimizing the amounts of pollutants in storm water runoff. As such, the City Engineering Department and Law Department have been working on a draft Storm Water Management Ordinance that will include the required storm water quantity and storm water quality regulations.

Although there are existing ordinances in place that require the City Engineer's approval for storm water discharges from certain types of construction sites,

the new storm water management ordinance will be much more detailed, will address all the specific requirements of NPDES Phase II Storm Water Program, and will fine-tune and update other storm water-related policies and requirements of the City Engineer's Office. Once the draft ordinance is finalized, it will be presented to City Council for approval. Look for the Storm Water Management Ordinance to be official within the next couple of months!

